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This application is related to Chinese Patent Application No. 200480030833.7. Japanese Patent No. JP 9-502099, listed on Form PTO/SB/08a, was first cited in a Chinese Office Action dated September 4, 2009. A copy of the Japanese Patent is attached. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is also attached for the Examiner's convenience, accompanied by an English translation. Please note that U.S. Patent No. 6,482,959, which is also listed on Form PTO/SB/08a, corresponds to the cited Japanese Patent.

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